

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
December 9, 2010**

At 5:35 P.M. Deborah Gordon called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

**Committee Members Attending:**

Carol Groom (County of San Mateo)  
Tom Kasten (Town of Hillsborough)  
Linda Koelling (city of Foster City)  
Kevin Mullin (City of South San Francisco)  
Sepi Richardson (City of Brisbane)

**Guests or Staff Attending:**

Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director)  
Jim Bigelow (Redwood City Chamber of Commerce)  
Chick Cole (by phone)  
Gus Khouri (Advocation – by phone)  
Joseph Kott (C/CAG Staff)  
Brian Moura (City of San Mateo)

**1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.**

None.

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

Legislative Committee Minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2010 were approved by acclamation.

**3. Briefing from Advocation.**

The Legislative Committee received and discussed a briefing from Chuck Cole and Gus Khouri, C/CAG's advocates in Sacramento. Assembly and Senate leaders had been meeting to discuss Governor Schwarzenegger's budget proposals, but none appeared to be taking the Governor's budget seriously. Interest groups were meeting to discuss the implications 26 for the gas tax swap deal of passage of Proposition 22 and Proposition. One proposal being discussed was to enact a truck weight fee in exchange for re-ratifying the gas tax swap, which would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

The State Controller was withholding \$2.5 billion in payments for highway projects due to concerns about the State's cash flow. The estimated State budget deficit was now at least \$25 billion. One estimate has placed the deficit as high as \$28 billion.

A proposal to increase the vehicle license fee to fund law enforcement could gain enough Republican support for passage by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Governor-Elect Brown had just conducted a public forum on the State budget.

Kevin Mullin asked if the Governor-Elect's State budget forums would be statewide. Chuck Cole answered that they probably would be statewide with one meeting in the north and two in the south. Tom Kasten noted that the State budget deficit was substantial: \$6 billion to June 2011 and possible as high as \$28 billion by June 30, 2012.

#### **4. Legislative Priorities**

C/CAG staff presented proposed Legislative Priorities for 2011. Sepi Richardson suggested "parking" some items due to the State's fiscal situation. Linda Knoelling proposed an "A" and "B" prioritization of the proposed Legislative Priorities. The first tier would represent high priority legislative concerns. The second would indicate important and helpful priorities but not ones as significant or urgent for C/CAG members. Deborah Gordon noted that all of the proposed priorities were important and that circumstances tended to shift during the year, bringing some priorities to the fore and leaving other in the background. It was difficult to anticipate these shifts.

Tom Kasten suggested that the Legislative Priorities be ranked and that proposed Priority 1 - protecting against further diversion of local funds to the State - and proposed Priority 2 - protecting against increased local costs resulting from State action - remain in that priority order and both be deemed high priorities. The Legislative Committee then discussed re-prioritizing the remainder of the list. The third Priority (listed #6 in the staff document under review - advocating for State revenue solutions that are beneficial to cities and counties) and the fourth Priority (listed #5 in the staff document under review) - encouraging the State to protect public transportation funding as well as develop an equitable cost share arrangement for any future Bay Bridge cost overruns - should also be deemed high priority. The remaining priorities, in rank order should be as follows: #5 (formerly #3) - securing stable funding for increased NPDES mandates; #6 (formerly #7) - supporting reasonable actions on climate change and greenhouse gas legislation; priority #7 (formerly #8) - support for energy conservation; priority #8 (formerly #9) - support for transportation funding for preparation of comprehensive land use plans for airports and support for business community engagement in transportation demand management efforts; and #9 (formerly #4) - support for lowering the 2/3 super majority vote for local special purpose taxes.

Sepi Richardson moved and Deborah Gordon seconded a motion that these priorities are recommended to the C/CAG Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

**5. Establish Date and Time for Next Meeting.**

January 13, 2010 at 5:30 PM Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office unless otherwise announced was selected.

None.

**6. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 6.25 PM.